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## **Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting**

**Thursday, June 2, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**

**Room 133, Brookfield Town Hall  
100 Pocono Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804**

### **MINUTES**

#### **In Attendance**

J. Iannucci called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. In attendance were J. Hanson (RE), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), E. Rossini (RI), S. Conn (BK), M. Flanagan (BE), K. LeJava (BK), P. Oberg (AAW), and C. Reedy and J. Iannucci (HRRA).

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by S. Von Holt, second by M. Flanagan, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2016 as presented.  
**Vote:** All in favor.

#### **Community Shred-It Events**

J. Iannucci asked members to inform her if their municipality was holding a shred event. HRRA will inform callers to use your local event if she knows it is happening and it will be added to the HRRA website.

#### **WRAP Campaign**

J. Iannucci updated members on the statewide WRAP campaign that she is working on with others from the state and the American Chemistry Council. HRRA communities have been asked to pilot the WRAP program for the state. The WRAP campaign itself will reach out to retailers in the region. Two handouts showing the type of communication tools used in the campaign, including hauler inserts, were distributed to members. Kimberly Clark in New Milford has a large plastic wrap campaign. HRRA municipalities that want to be part of the pilot program must sign up online to participate. J. Iannucci will let RRTF members know when sign up is available and how to sign up.

#### **Organics Update**

Newtown now has 307 program participants, a 60% increase since the program started per A. Miles. E. Rossini reported that participation in Ridgefield has increased by 38%. J. Iannucci gave a presentation to the New Fairfield BOS who agreed to start a drop off program at the transfer station in town and will use their Recycling Rewards grant to cover the start up costs. New Milford is looking to start a similar transfer station drop off program; Redding remains interested as well; and Sherman is trying to start a backyard composting program for residents. According to S. Conn, Stew Leonards in Brookfield donates its leftover food to the town's food pantry and the unused items are going to a compost facility. With so many programs starting in so many HRRA towns, the organics program is slowly becoming a true regional program.

A. Miles asked how to address the problem of black flies covering the organics container at the Newtown transfer station. J. Iannucci said that means that the container needs to be picked up more frequently and washed out after each pick up. Fly larva take 48 hours to hatch. Material in the container should be capped every 24 hours with sawdust, newspaper or horse manure to prevent the flies from hatching.

### **Transfer Station Free Tables**

J. Iannucci asked for feedback from towns that provide free tables at their local transfer stations, including the pluses and minuses and any advice for a town wishing to start or revise a program. Sometimes folks come in to use only the free table and get in the way of others trying to use the transfer station services. E-waste should not be accepted onto the free table nor should operators allow residents to take any e-waste from the site. Some towns have a few regulars who use the free table to pick up items and then sell them on EBay or in an antique shop. Some towns set a policy that town employees cannot take items from the free table after getting complaints from residents that the employees snatched up all the "good stuff". The one unanimous recommendation was that it should be made clear that "free" means free to take only, not free to leave at the transfer station. Also residents who take items from the free table who want to return them should pay to do so.

### **Bridgewater Fair Volunteers**

J. Iannucci asked for volunteers to help staff the HRRA booth at the Bridgewater Fair on August 19-21 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. If RRTF members could each give a few hours to help pass out information to residents about local organics programs and the WRAP campaign that would be a big help. J. Iannucci will be in the booth the entire time. Volunteers will get a ticket to enter the Fair for free and a ticket for a free meal. Those attending the Fair every year truly are a cross section of the region so the booth at the Fair really serves the entire region.

### **Items to be Raised by Members**

- M. Flanagan reported that he made signage for Bethel's e-waste container like the ones shown at the last RRTF meeting and they are working well.
- S. Conn reported that he got Brookfield's Park and Rec department to apply for the Dr. Pepper/Snapple/KAB grant for park recycling bins. J. Iannucci noted that that grant closes the application process on June 10th and funds could be used to provide recycling containers on local playing fields if needed in a community.
- S. Von Holt reported that the New Milford Recycling Center staff was very impressed with J. Iannucci when she visited.
- J. Hanson reported that he also made up signage for Redding's e-waste container that went up yesterday. He also asked about the invoice he got from DEEP for \$800 for the annual permit renewal. (J. Iannucci thought that was for the town's transfer station municipal general permit renewal.)
- Members reported that they would like to visit a compost facility in the fall when the RRTF reconvenes in October and possibly visit a MRF again.

### **Adjournment**

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

*Minutes taken by Cheryl Reedy, HRRA Assistant Director.*